



**JOINT DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As the below named inventors we hereby declare that:

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We believe that we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention **METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE ACTIVITY OF A SUBSTANCE USING A FUNCTIONAL TEST IN VITRO**, the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on 11/28/00 as Application Serial Number 09/722,587 and was  
amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to in this declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or (f), or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119	Certified Copy Attached?
FR 98/15488	FRANCE	08/12/98		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Serial Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned
PCT/FR99/03062 (WO00/34514 published 6/15/00)	08/12/99	Abandoned

**PRIOR UNITED STATES PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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And I hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the Hunton & Williams LLP attorneys and agents associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 21967**.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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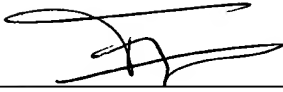
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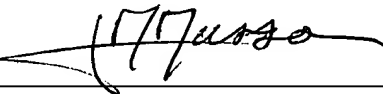
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